# SHEAFFER'S HANDBOOK <br> FOR SECRETARIES 

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## One word, two words, or a hyphen?

How often are you puzzled as to whether a particular expression is to be written as a single word, as two or more separate words, or with a hyphen. If you are at all like the writer, you are probably puzzled more frequently than you would care to admit.
The list of such "puzzlers" here presented will resolve most of your doubts as to their status-single (solid), separated (two or more individual words) or joined (hyphenated). For infrequent words not listed here, consult a good dictionary. When two or more spellings are permissible, only the preferred form is given.

| Anglo-Saxon | broad-minded | clear-sighted | daughter-in-law |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| background | broadside | closefisted | daybook |
| backlog | brokenhearted | close-hauled | daybreak |
| bas-relief | brother-in-law | close up (verb form) | day coach |
| beforehand | bull's-eye | close up (adverb) | daydream |
| biannual | businesslike | close-up (noun and | day letter |
| bicentennial | businessman | - adj.) | daylight |
| billhead | busybody | coal gas | daytime |
| bloodhound | buttonhole | coal mine | deadfall |
| blood money | by-election | coal tar | deadhead |
| bluebird | bylaw | coalyard | deadline |
| bluefish | by-line | coast guard | deadlock |
| blue jay | bypass | coastwise | deaf-mute |
| blue laws | byplay | coauthor | death mask |
| blue moon | by-product | codefendant | death's-head |
| boat hook | byroad | cold cream | death warrant |
| boatswain | bystander | color-blind | deathwatch |
| bodyguard | byway | co-operate | de facto |
| bold-faced | byword | co-ordinate | dewdrop |
| bondholder | carryall | copyright | dew point |
| bond servant | carry over (verb form) | coup d'état | dog days |
| bondsman | carry-over (noun) | courthouse | dogfight |
| bookbinder | carte blanche | court-martial | doghouse |
| bookcase | chain gang | courtyard | downhearted |
| book end | chain mail | co-worker | downstairs |
| bookkeeper | chainwork | crossbar | draw back (verb form) |
| bookkeeping | chicken pox | crossbow | drawback (noun) |
| bookshop | chock-full | cross-examine | due bill |
| bookstore | chophouse | cross-question | dumbbell |
| bookworm | chopstick | cross reference (noun) | dumb-waiter |
| bowknot | chop suey | cross-reference (verb) | earwax |
| box coat | clear-cut | cut-rate | easygoing |
| box kite | clear-eyed | dark horse | endless |


| end man | footwork | half title | icebox |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| endmost | forecast | half-truth | ice cream |
| en route | foreman | halfway | iceman |
| et cetera, but etc. (abbr.) | forenoon | handle bar | ice plant |
| and | forerunner | handmade | ill-bred |
| etceteras (plural) | foresight | hand-to-mouth | ill-favored |
| eyewitness | foretell | handwriting | ill-starred |
| facecloth | foreword | handy man | ill-tempered |
| face-harden | forget-me-not | hardware | ill-treat |
| fainthearted | fountainhead | hay fever | inasmuch as |
| fair-minded | fourscore | headpiece | Indo-Chinese |
| fair-spoken | frame-up | headquarters | ironclad |
| fairway | freehand | hearsay | ironmaster |
| fancy-free | fresh-water | heartsick | ironware |
| fancywork | furthermost | hereinafter | jack-o'-lantern |
| faraway | gangplank | hereinbefore | jack pot |
| farfetched | gashouse | highborn | jack rabbit |
| far-off | gaslight | high-brow | jackstraw |
| farseeing | -gas mask | high-flown | juryman |
| farsighted | gas station | highhanded | keynote |
| farthermost | gasworks | high-minded | kneecap |
| father-in-law | goldfish | high-pressure | knee-deep |
| feeble-minded | goldsmith | highroad | knee-high |
| field day | good-by | high school | knickknack |
| field glass | good-tempered | high sea | ladybird |
| fieldpiece | goose flesh | high-sounding | ladybug |
| firearm | gooseherd | high-spirited | lady-killer |
| firebox | great gross | high-strung | ladylike |
| fire-eater | green-eyed | high-tension | lady's maid |
| fireman | greengrocer | high-test | lady's-slipper |
| fireplace | greenroom | high-toned | landing craft |
| fireproof | ground crew | homemade | landing field |
| fireside | ground hog | home rule | landing strip |
| firetrap | groundwork | homesick | landlady |
| fire wall | gunman | horseflesh | landlord |
| fireworks | gunpowder | horsefly | landlubber |
| first-born | gun room | horse opera | landowner |
| first-class (adj. Eo adv.) | gunshot | horseplay | land-poor |
| firsthand | habeas corpus | horsepower | lap dog |
| first-rate | hack saw | horse-radish | law-abiding |
| first water | hairdresser | horseshoe | lawgiver |
| flat-footed | halfback | horsewhip | lawmaker |
| football | half-breed | housekeeper | lawsuit |
| foot-candle | half brother | housewife | left-handed |
| foothold | halfhearted | hundredweight | letter box |
| footlights | half-mast | hurdy-gurdy | letter carrier |
| foot-loose | half-moon | hurly-burly | lettergram |
| footnote | half note | ice bag | letterhead |
| footprint | halfpenny | iceberg | life belt |
| footstep | half step | iceboat | lifeboat |

life buoy
lifesaver
lifesaving
lifetime
light-fingered
lighthearted
lighthouse
lightweight
locksmith
lock step
lock stitch
lockup
longhand
long-suffering
long-winded
looking glass
loophole
lowbred
low-brow
mainstay
major general
make-believe
makeshift
make-up
manhood
man-hour
man-of-war
manservant
manslaughter
Mardi gras market place
mass meeting
master-at-arms
masterpiece
masterwork
matchmaker
match play
matchwood
matter of fact (noun) noncommissioned matter-of-fact ( $a d j$.) noncommital
merry-andrew
merry-go-round
merrymaking
middle-aged
middleman
milkmaid
milkman
milk punch
milk shake
milkweed
mind reader
mind reading
money-making
money order
moonbeam
moon-blind
moonlight
moonstone
moon-struck
morning-glory
moth-eaten
mother-in-law
mother-of-pearl
mouthpiece
mowing machine
muscle-bound
namby-pamby
narrow-minded
needle point (noun) needle-point (adj.)
needlework
ne'er-do-well
nevertheless
newborn
newcomer
New Deal newfangled
new-fashioned
newsstand
new year (noun)
new-year (adj.)
nickname
nightgown
night letter
nightlong
nightmare
night owl
nighttime
non compos mentis
non-co-operation
nonsupport
nose bag
nosebleed
nose dive (noun)
nose-dive (verb)
nosegay
notebook
note paper
noteworthy
nowhere
nutshell
offhand
officeholder
offset
oil cake
oilcloth
oil field
oil painting
oilskin
oil well
old-fashioned
old-timer
old-world
one-horse
one-sided
one-step
open-and-shut
open-eyed
openhanded
openhearted
open house (noun)
open-house (adj.)
openmouthed
openwork
outdoor
out-of-door
out of the way (verb form)
out-of-the-way ( $a d j$.) pin-wheel or pinwheel
output
outwit
over-all (adj.)
overall (noun and adv.) pipeline
overproduction
panic-stricken
paperback
paper cutter
paper knife
paperweight
paper work
paratrooper
parcel post
parlor car
passbook
passer-by
paymaster
payroll
peacemaker
peace offering
peace pipe peahen
pea jacket
penknife
penman
penmanship
pen name
pennyweight
penny-wise
pennyworth
per annum
per capita
per cent
percentage
per diem
piece goods
piecemeal
piecework
pigeonhole
pigeon-toed pince-nez
Ping-pong
pinhead
pinhole
pin money (noun)
pin-money (adj.)
pin-up
pin wheel or pinwheel
(noun)
(adj.)
pinwheel (verb)
pipe dream
pipe organ
playground playing card play off (verb)
play-off (noun)
plaything
playtime
playwright
plowman
plowshare
plug-ugly
pocketbook
pocketknife
pocket money
pocket veto
point-blank
polecat
pole vault
policeman
policyholder
polka dot
poll tax
postage post card postdate postgraduate posthaste postman postmark postmaster postmeridian post-mortem
post-obit
postpaid postpone postscript
potluck
pound-foolish
pre-eminence
pre-eminent
pre-empt
pre-emptory
prepaid
prepay
prima donna
prima-facie ( $a d j$.)
proofreader
pro rata
prorate
pug nose
pug-nosed
pushball
push button. (noun)
push-button (adj.)
pushcart
push over (verb form)
pushover
push-pull
quarterback
quarter-deck
quartermaster
question mark (noun)
question-mark (verb)
quick-fire ( $a d j$.)
quicklime
quicksand
quicksilver
quick-witted
quitclaim
racecourse
race horse
race track
raincoat
rainfall
rain water
rake-off
ready-make
Red Cross
redhead
red heat
red herring
red lead (noun)
red-lead (verb)
red-letter ( $a d j$.)
re-elect.
re-enact
re-enlist
re-examination
reoccupy
reorganization
right-handed
right of way
rocking chair
roll call (noun) roll-call
roller skate (noun)
roller-skate (verb)
rolling mill
rolling pin
roof garden
roommate
rose fever
rose window
round about ( $a d v$. )
roundabout (noun \& $a d j$.)
round-shouldered
runaway
run down (verb form) run-down (adj.)
runner-up
runway
safe-conduct
safeguard
safekeeping
safety match
safety pin
safety valve sandbag sandblast sand hog sandman sandpaper sandwich schoolbook school board schoolhouse schoolmaster schoolmate schoolroom schoolteacher schoolyard screw driver seacoast sea fight
sea food
seafowl
seagoing
sea gull
sea horse
sea level
sealing wax
sealskin
seaman
seaport
searchlight
search warrant
seashore
seasick
seaside
seaway
self-confidence
self-control
self-defense
self-esteem
self-government
selfish
self-made
selfsame
self-starter
semimonthly
send off (verb form) send-off (noun)
sharpshooter
sharp-sighted
sheep dog
sheepskin
shorthanded short-lived shortsighted short-winded shoulder blade shower bath sidetrack
sight-seeing singlehanded single-minded singsong sinking fund sister-in-law sketchbook sky blue (noun)
sky-blue ( $a d j$.)
skylark
skylight
sky line
skyrocket
skyscraper
skyward, or
skywards
sky wave
sledge hammer (noun)
sledge-hammer (verb)
sleeping car
slide rule
snapshot
snare drum
snowball
snow-blind
snowbound
snowfall
snowflake.
snowplow
snowshoe
snowstorm
snub-nosed
soapbox
soap opera
soapsuds
sober-minded
sof thearted
son-in-law speed limit
square dance
squarehead
square root
n)
er)
stand by (verb form)
stand-by (noun $\mathcal{E}^{\circ}$ adj.)
stand off (verb form) standoff (noun ©゚・ adj.) standpoint
stand still (verb form) standstill (noun $\mathcal{E}$ $a d j$.)
starboard
starfish
starlight
star shell
star-spangled
steamboat
steam boiler
steamcar
steam engine
steam fitter
steam roller (noun)
steam-roller (adj. \&o verb)
steamship steam table stockholder
stock-still
stomach-ache
stonecutter
stopgap
stop watch
straightforward
strait jacket
stronghold strong-minded
sugar beet
sugar cane
sugar-coat
sugar maple
sugarplum
sure-footed
sweetbread
sweet corn
sweetheart
sweetmeat
sweet pea
sweetshop
tablecloth
table cover
tablespoon
tablespoonful (s)
tableware
tailpiece
tail spin
tailstock
take off (verb form)
take-off (noun loo adj.)
tax-exempt
taxpayer
tear sheet
teaspoonful (s)
tea wagon
terra cotta (noun)
terra-cotta (adj.)
test tube
textbook
thick-skinned
thin-skinned
threefold
three-ply
threescore
tie-up
time-honored
timekeeper
timepiece
timetable
toothache
toothbrush
toothpick
topcoat
topflight
top hat
topmost
topsoil
topsy-turvy
torchlight
tossup
touchdown
touchstone
townsfolk
township
townspeople
trade in (verb form)
trade-in (noun $\mathcal{E}$ adj.)
trade-mark
trade name
trade school
tradesman
trade wind
trap door
treadmill
treasure-trove
trustworthy
try square
tug of war
tuning fork
turnover
turnpike
turnstile
turntable
turtledove
tutti-frutti
type founder
type metal
typescript
typesetter
ultramarine
ultraviolet
un-American
uncalled-for
vice-president
vice versa
vineyard
vis-à-vis
walkout
walk-up
wallflower
wardrobe
wardroom
warehouse
washcloth
washstand
wastebasket
watchcase
watch chain
watchdog
watchmaker
watchman
water color (noun)
water-color (adj.) yearbook
waterfall
waterfront
water gap
water level
waterlogged
water main
watermark
watermellon
water meter
water polo
water power (noun)
waterproof waterspout watertight waterway weekday weekend wellborn well-read white book white-collar whitefish white-hot white lead white paper whitewash widespread windshield wirepulling wiseacre withhold wood pulp woodshed woodwork workroom worktable work week worldly-wise world-wide worn-out wristband wrist pin wrist watch write-up
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water-power (adj.)
water vapor weatherproof white feather workingman

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## Similar Words Distinguished

There are many words that are similar or identical in sound but different in meaning. The choice of the wrong word on the part of the secretary may lead to embarrassing or serious consequences. For example, it would prove extremely embarrassing to refer to a correspondent (one with whom correspondence is carried on by letter) as a corespondent (a party in a divorce suit). A list of such confusing words, together with appropriate distinctive remarks, follows:

| accede | to comply with | attendance | presence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| exceed | to surpass | attendants | followers; escorts |
| accept | to take | aught | anything |
| except | to exclude | ought | should |
| access | admittance | bail | 'set free |
| excess | surplus | bale | a package |
| ad | advertisement | base | foundation; mean |
| add | to put with | bass | lower notes in |
| adapt | to adjust | : | music; a fish |
| adept | proficient | berry | a small fruit |
| adopt | to choose | bury | entomb, conceal |
| addition | something added | berth | bed |
| edition | a printing | birth | beginning |
| adjoin | to be next to | billed | charged |
| adjourn | suspend | build | to construct |
| adverse | opposed to | board | a piece of wood; |
| averse | disinclined |  | a group; meals |
| advice | information | bored | wearied; |
| advise | to recommend |  | penetrated |
| affect | to influence | born | brought into life |
| effect | to fulfill, to bring | borne | carried |
|  | about; the result | brake | that which slows down an object |
| allowed | permitted | break | an opening, |
| aloud | audibly |  | a thicket; to |
| allude | refer to |  | shatter |
| elude | escape | breach | infraction |
| all ready | all prepared | breech | rear |
| already | previously | breadth | width |
| altar | part of a church | breath | of air |
| alter area | to change | bridal | wedding |
| aria | a melody | bridle | harness |
| ascent | a going up, rising | calendar | for dates |
| assent | consent | calender | machine |
| assistance | help | cannon | gun |
| assistants | those who help | canon | rule |


| canvas canvass | cloth to 'solicit |  | lands of his deceased wife |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| capital | chief city, property | curtsy | a gesture of respect |
| capitol | building | creak | a sound |
| carat | a unit of weight | creek | a watercourse |
| caret | sign of insertion | currant | a berry |
| carrot | vegetable | current | prevailing |
| carton | box | cymbals | musical instrument |
| cartoon | picture | symbols | signs |
| cast. | throw | dammed | blocked |
| caste | social class | damned | cursed |
| cede | to give up | defer | to put off |
| seed | that from which | differ | to disagree |
|  | anything springs | depositary | receiver of deposits |
| ceiling | top of a room | depository | a place where |
| sealing | closing |  | something is |
| ser | vessel for incense |  | deposited |
| censor | examiner | depravation | corruption |
| cereal | any grain food | deprivation | loss |
| serial | arranged in a series | desert | leave; dry country |
| cession | a yielding | dessert | food served at the |
| session | the sitting of a court, a meeting | device | close of a meal a scheme or |
| ord | musical term |  | contrivance |
| ord | string | devise | to plan, bequeath |
| te | quote | dew | moisture |
| sight | a view | due | owed or owing |
| site | a place, location | die | cease living; a tool |
| coarse | rough | dye | to change the color |
| course | way |  | of; that which |
| coma | an unconscious state | discreet | changes the color prudent |
| comma | a mark of punctuation | discrete dual | separate double |
| complement compliment | full quantity flatter | duel | a fight with swords or pistols |
| confidant confident | bosom friend sure | dyeing | changing the color of |
| coolie | laborer (Asia) | dying | near death |
| cooly | coldly | emigrate | to go away from |
| coulee | trenchlike valley |  | a country |
| corespondent | party in a divorce suit | immigrate | to come into a country |
| correspondent | writer of letters | eminent | well known; |
| council | a group of men |  | prominent |
| counsel | an attorney; advice | imminent | threatening; impending |
| courtesy | a favor; politeness | envelop | to cover; to wrap |
| curtesy | a husband's life | envelope | a wrapper for a |
|  | interest in the |  | letter |


| fair | an exhibit; comely | lean | thin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| fare | cost of travel; food | lien | claim |
| faze | to disturb | leased | rented |
| phase | a state of | least | smallest |
|  | development | lessen | decrease |
| feet | plural of foot | lesson | an exercise to be |
| feat | act of skill |  | studied |
| fiance | masculine | levee | embankment |
| fiancée | feminine | linely ground meal | lie |


| naught | nothing | profit | gain |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| nought | the number, zero | prophet | one who forecasts |
| one | a single thing |  | future events |
| on | past tense of win | rain | water falling in |
| ordinance | a local law |  | drops |
| ordnance | arms, munitions | reign | time during which |
| overdo | to do too much |  | a sovereign rules |
| overdue | past due | rein | strap of a horse's |
| packed | loaded, crammed |  | bridle |
| ' pact | an agreement | raise | to lift |
| pail | a bucket | rays | beams of light |
| pale | light colored | raze | to lay level with |
| pair | two of a kind |  | the ground |
| pare | to peel | rap | to knock |
| pear | a fruit | wrap | to enclose; an |
| pane | window glass |  | outer garment |
| pain | agony, suffering | read | to go over and |
| passed | moved along; transferred. |  | gather the meaning of |
| past | time gone by | reed | a plant; a musical |
| peace | freedom from war |  | instrument |
| piece | a fragment | residence | a dwelling place |
| pedal | a lever for the foot | residents | those living in a |
| peddle | to sell from place to place | right | place correct |
| peer | a nobleman | rite | a ceremony |
| pier | a wharf | write | to form letters or |
| persecute | to oppress |  | words on paper |
| prosecute | to sue | role | a part (in a play, |
| personal | private |  | etc.); function |
| personnel | the staff | roll | a list |
| plain | prairie land | rote | repetition |
| plane | a tool; a flat surface | wrote | did write |
| please | to be agreeable |  | of a plant; to im- |
| pleas | appeals, pleadings (plural of plea) | rout | plant firmly confused flight; to |
| pray | to say prayers, to beg | route | defeat utterly the way to be |
| prey | a victim |  | traveled |
| precedence | priority | en route | on or along the |
| precedents | established rules, usage | sail | way canvas for sailing |
| presence | being present |  | a boat |
| presents | gifts | sale | the act of selling, |
| principal | head of a school; the original sum |  | disposal of property |
| principle | a rule, a general | scene | a landscape |
|  | truth | seen | noticed by the eye |


| scent | odor | threw | past tense of throw |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| send | to dispatch | through | because of; by way |
| nt | did send |  | of |
| am | a joining | too | also; more than |
| em | to appear |  | enough |
| shear | cut | two | one and one |
| sheer | thin; steep | undo | to open; to render |
| sleight | dexterity |  | ineffective |
| slight | slender | undue | improper; |
| sole | only; bottom |  | excessive |
| soul | the immortal spirit | vain | proud |
| stationary | fixed | vane | a weathercock |
| stationery | paper | vein | a blood vessel |
| statue | a carved figure | vice | wickedness |
| stature | height, growth | vise | a clamp |
| statute | a law | waive | to give up |
| steal | to take unlawfully | wave | a billow; a gesture; |
| steel | metal |  | to swing back |
| straight | direct |  | and forth |
| strait | narrow | waiver | relinquishment of |
| suit | a legal action; |  | a right |
|  | clothing; | waver | hesitate |
|  | to please | waist | part of the body; |
| suite | things in a connected set | waste | a garment needless |
|  |  | waste | destruction |
| sweet | having an agreeable taste; | weak | feeble |
|  | pleasing | week | 7 days |
| superintendence superintendents | management supervisors | weather | state of the atmosphere; to come |
| their | belong to them |  | through safely |
| there | in that place | whether | if, either |
| there they're | contraction of they are | weighed | determined the heaviness of; tested |
| therefor | for that thing | wade | to walk through |
| therefore | consequently |  | water, mud; etc. |



## Identical City Names

You must be careful not to assume that because Buffalo, for example, is such a large and well-known city that there is but one city bearing that name and that it is located in the state of New York. There are in fact 18 cities with the identical name. Do you know that there are 16 cities bearing the name Bridgeport? Always check to be sure that you have the correct state before addressing a letter or package, for there are many names of large cities that are duplicated many times in other states. A list of some of these well-known cities follows:

| City | Times Duplicated | City | Times Duplicated |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| in Other States |  |  |  |  |
| in Other States |  |  |  |  |

Denver (Colorado) 10
Hartford (Connecticut) 15
Newark (New Jersey) 11
Portland (Oregon) 14
Springfield (Massachusetts) 22

## Geographical Homonyms

All of us are acquainted with the group of words in our language referred to as homonyms, words that sound alike but that are spelled differently. A number of cities are included in this group, and we shall refer to them as geographical homonyms. A list of the more commonly occurring geographical homonyms is presented below. Included in this list are a few pairs of cities that are not true homonyms but they are words with spellings so similar that they are sometimes confused.

Allegany, New York<br>Alleghany, California<br>Allegheny, Pennsylvania<br>Asheville, North Carolina<br>Ashville, Ohio<br>Brookline, Massachusetts<br>Brooklyn, New York<br>Charleston, South Carolina<br>Charles Town, West Virginia<br>Charlestown; Massachusetts, West Virginia<br>Dunmor, Kentucky<br>Dunmore, West Virginia<br>Edinburg, Texas<br>Edinburgh, Scotland

Gardiner, Maine
Gardner, Massachusetts
Gary, Indiana
Geary, Oklahoma
Gerry, New York
Johnston, Rhode Island
Johnstown; New York, Pennsylvania
Kearney, Nebraska
Kearny, New Jersey
Lewiston; Idaho, Maine
Lewistown; Montana, Pennsylvania
Morganton, North Carolina
Morgantown, West Virginia
Muncie, Indiana

Muncy, Pennsylvania
Newberry, South Carolina
Newbury, Vermont
Paterson, New Jersey
Patterson, California
Pitsburg, Ohio
Pittsburg; California, Kansas
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Reading, Pennsylvania

Redding, California
Savanna, Illinois
Savannah, Georgia
Stamford, Connecticut
Stanford, Kentucky
West Chester, Pennsylvania
Westchester County, New York
Wooster, Ohio
Worcester, Massachusetts

## Spellings of the Names of Foreign Cities and Countries

Because the names of foreign cities and countries are frequently spelled differently from their American equivalents, the following list of both spellings should prove helpful:

| American |
| :--- |
| Antwerp, Belgium |
| Athens, Greece |
| Brussels, Belgium |
| Chile |
| Florence, Italy |
| Geneva, Switzerland |
| Hague, The; Holland |
| Havana, Cuba |
| Lisbon, Portugal |
| Moscow, Soviet Union |
| Prague, Czechoslovakia, or |
| Czecko-Slovakia |
| Rome, Italy |
| Romania, also Roumania and |
| Rumania |
| Venice, Italy |
| Vienna, Austria |
| Warsaw, Poland |

Foreign
Antwerpen, België (Flemish)
Anvers, Belgique (French)
Athínai, Ellas (Greek)
Brussel, Belgie (Flemish)
Bruxelles, Belgique (French)
Chili (Spanish, French, Italian)
Firenze, Italia (Italian)
Genève, Suisse (French)
Genf, Schweiz (German)
's Gravenhage, Nederland (Dutch)
La Habana, Cuba (Spanish)
Lisboa, Portugal (Portuguese)
Moskva, U.S.S.R. (Russian)
Praha, Czeckoslovensko (Czech)
Roma, Italia (Italian)
România (Romanian)
Venezia, Italia (Italian)
Wien, Österreich (German)
Warszawa, Polska (Polish)

In recent years the names of several foreign cities have been permanently changed. A few such changes are given here:

Former Name
Christiania, Norway
Constantinople, Turkey
Peking, China
Pernambuco, Brazil
Porto Rico
Queenstown, Irish Free State
St. Petersburg, Russia
$\quad$ Present Name
Oslo
Istanbul
Peiping
Recife
Puerto Rico
Cobhh, Ireland (Eire)
Leningrad, U.S.S.R.

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## Abbreviations Frequently Used in Business Offices

In business letters abbreviations should be used seldom, if ever. Since they do occur fairly frequently in tabulations, footnotes, statistical matter, routine office papers, technical work, and scientific material, it is important for the competent secretary to know their correct forms. With this in mind, the following list of commonly-used abbreviations will be found helpful.

Note that some abbreviations are capitalized and others are not, and that some have alternate forms. Note, too, that some contain periods and some do not. Be careful to observe the capitalization and punctuation shown.

ABC-American Broadcasting Company
A.C., a.c., a-c-alternating current ack., ackgt.-acknowledgment
A.D.-anno Domini (in the year of our Lord)
ad val., adv., a.v., a/v-ad valorem (according to the value)
AEC-Atomic Energy Commission
AFL-CIO-American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (now one organization)
a.m. - ante meridiem (before noon)
A.M.A. - American Medical Association
ans. - answer; answered
A.S.C.A.P., ASCAP - American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers
att. -attached; attorney
Attn., Atten. - Attention
atty. - attorney
B.B.A.- Bachelor of Business Administration
BBC-British Broadcasting Corporation
B/E, b.e. - bill of exchange
B/F, b.f., brt.fwd. - brought forward
B.I.S. - Bank for International Settlements

B/L, b/l, b.l. - bill of lading
bldg., blg.-building
blvd.-boulevard
b.o.-buyer's option; back order; bad order; branch office
B.T.U., B.t.u., Btu - British thermal unit
bul., bull.-bulletin
canc., can. - canceled; cancellation
cap. - capital; capitalize; capacity
cat. - catalogue
CBS-Columbia Broàdcasting System
cc-carbon copy
cc. - chapters; cubic centimeter(s)
c.c., cc. - cubic centimeter(s) - (now more often $\mathrm{cm}^{3}$ )
CCC-Commodity Credit Corporation
C.H. - Clearing House
c.i.f. - cost, insurance, and freight
C.O.D., c.o.d. - collect (or cash) on delivery
cont. - contract; containing; contents; continent; continue; continued
co-op - co-operative
Copr., cop.-copyright
Corp.-Corporation
C.P.A. - Certified Public Accountant
cr. - credit; creditor; center
cr. memo. - credit memorandum
crt. - crate
C.S.R. - Certified Shorthand Reporter
ctg., ctge. - cartage
cu. ft ., $\mathrm{ft}^{3}$ - cubic foot or feet
cust. - customer
c.w.o. - cash with order
D.A. - District Attorney
D.C., d.c., d-c-direct current
deld., dld.-delivered
dep.-deposit; depot; departs; departure; deponent; deputy
dept.-department; deponent; deputy
dft.-draft; Dft.-defendant
dir.-director
dis.-discount; discharge; distance; distant; distribute
disc., disct. - discount
disch.-discharge; discharged
dist. - district; distance; distant; distributed; distribution; distributor
div.-dividend; division; divide; divided; divisor
DL-day letter (telegraph)
dld., deld. - delivered
dlvy., dly., dy.-delivery
doz., dz.-dozen(s)
dwg.-drawing
DX, D.X.-distance
e.e. - errors excepted
E. \& O.E.-errors and omissions.excepted
Ed. D. - Doctor of Education
E.D.T., EDT - Eastern daylight time
e.o.m. - end of month
E.Q.-educational quotient
esp., espec. - especially
est. - estimate; estimated; estate
est., estab-established; establishment
exc. - except; excepted; exception
exc., esch.-exchange
ext.-exterior; extended; extension; external (ly); extinct; extra; extract

FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization (United Nations)
FAX - Western Union fac-simile machine center
FBI - Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCC-Federal Communications Commission
FDIC-Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Fed. - Federal; Federated; Federation
fifo-first in, first out (accounting)
FM., f.m.-frequency modulation (radio)
F.O.B., f.o.b. - free on board

FPC-Federal Power Commission
FR - full-rate (telegrams and cables)
FRB-Federal Reserve Board (or Bank)
frt., frgt. - freight
FT. - Fort; ft. - foot; feet; fortification
FTC-Federal Trade Commission
FX, F.X.-foreign exchange
G.A. - General Agent; general average (ins.)
G/A, g.a. - general average (ins.)
gal., gall. - gallon(s)
gals., - gallons
GAW - guaranteed annual wage
gds. - goods
Gov. - Governor
gov., govt. - government
G.P.O. - General Post Office
gr. - gross; grade; gravity; grain(s) spelled out for weight); gram(s)
gu., guar. - guarantee; guaranteed
hdbk. - handbook
Hon. - Honorable
gp, hp., HP-horsepower
H.P., h.p. - high pressure; h.p. half pay
hr. - hour(s) - hrs., hours
hund., C -hundred; c.-cwt. hundredweight
IBA-Investment Bankers Association

ICC, I.C.C. - Interstate Commerce Commission
ILO, I.L.O. - International Labor Organization (United Nations)
in., " - inch(es); in. - income
I.Q.-intelligence quotient
inc., incor., incorp. - incorporated
incl.-including; inclusive
ins. -inches; insurance; inspector inv. - invoice; investment; invented; inventor; invention
ital. - italic (type)
ITO-International Trade Organization
J/A, j/a-joint account
Jour., J., Jr. - journal
Jr. - Junior; journal
lb. - libra (pound); $£$ pound sterling lbs. - pounds
L.C.L., LCL-less than carload lots
leg.-legal; legislative; legislature
lifo-last in, first out (accounting)
L.S. - locus sigilli (place of the seal)
mag. - magazine; magnet; magnitude (of stars)
mat. - maturity (bonds); matinee
max.-maximum
M.D. - Doctor of Medicine
memo-memorandum
Messrs., MM. - Messieurs (fr., Misters)
mfd. - manufactured
mfg. - manufacturing
mfr. - manufacture, manufacturer
mfrs. - manufacturers
Mgr. - Manager
min.-minute(s); minimum; mineral; mining; minim (drop), in apothecaries' measure; minister
mkt., mar. - market
mun.-municipal
N.A.M., NAM - National Association of Manufacturers
natl., nat. - national
NATO - North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NBC - National Broadcasting Company
N.E.A. - National Education Association
n.e.s. - not elsewhere specified or stated
NL-night letter (telegraph)
NLRB - National Labor Relations Board
no.-number; nos.-numbers
NOMA - National Office Management Association
O/A, o/a - on account
obit. - obituary; obits. - obituaries
O.B/L, ob/l-order bill of lading
oc.-overcharge; ocean
o/c-over-the-counter; overcharge
o.c. - omissions excepted
o.d. - overdraft or overdrawn; outside diameter
o/d - on demand
O.K., OK - correct; O.K.'s-'ing-'d (verb forms) O.K.s or O.K.'s (plural)
oz.-ounce(s); ozs.-ounces
p.-page (pp., pages); past; per; pressure; power; population; pole; post
p.a., per an., per ann.-per annum (by the year)
P.A. - Passenger Agent; Press Agent; Purchasing Agent; private account; personal appearance; pub-lic-address system; power of attorney
$\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{A}$ - private account; particular average; power of attorney
pam., pamph.-pamphlet
pat. - patent; patented
Pat. Off. - Patent Office
payt. - payment
PBX - private branch exchange (telephone)
pc. - piece; pcs. - pieces
pc., pct. $\%$-per cent; p.c.-post card
pcl. - parcel
pd. - paid
pf., pfd., pref. - preferred (securities)
pkg. - package(s); pkgs. - packages
pkt. - packet
pkwy. - parkway
p.m. - post meridiem (after noon)
P.M., PM. - postmaster
p.o. - post office; postal order; petty officer (Navy)
P.O.D. - Post Office Department; p.o.d. - pay on delivery (express)
pp. - pages; pp., ppd. - prepaid
p.p. - parcel post; postage paid, or postpaid
p.p.i. - parcel post, insured
prem. - premium
prod. - product; produce; produced
pro tem. - pro tempore (temporarily)
P.S., PS. - post scriptum (postscript)
P.S.T., PST - Pacific standard time
P.T.A., PTA, P-TA - Parent-Teacher Association
ptg. - printing
ptr. - printer
PX - Post Exchange (military)
qt., qty. - quantity
qt., qu. - quart
qu., ques. - question
rcd., recd. - received
rct - receipt; rec. - receipt; recipe
R.E. - real estate
rec. - record; recorded; recorder; recording; receipt
rep. - repeat; repair; rep., rept.-report
req. - required; requisition
res. - research; reserve; residence; resides; resigned; resort; resulution
retd. - returned
R.F.D. - rural free delivery; or R.R. -rural route
ROTC-Reserve Officers' Training Corps
r.p.m., rpm, r/m-revolutions per minute
R.R., RR.-railroad

Ry. - railway
R.S.V.P., r.s.v.p.-Répondez, s'il vous plaît (Reply, if you please)
(S), /S/-signed (before a copied signature)
SEATO - Southeast Asia Collective Defense Treaty Organization

SEC-Securities and Exchange Commission
Sec., Secy. - Secretary
serv.-service
sh.tn.-short ton
sld. - sailed; sealed; sold
s.o. - seller's option; shipping order; special order
Soc., soc. - society
SOS-distress signal(radiotelegraph)
sq. - square, as sq. ft. (also expressed, $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$ ); sequence
Sq. -Square (a block or street); Squadron
SS., ss. - scilicet (namely, to wit)
S.S., SS., S/S - steamship

SSA-Social Security Administration
stk. -stock
Stk.Ex., St.Ex. - Stock Exchange
Stk.Mkt. - Stock market
supp., suppl. - supplement
Supt., supt. - superintendent
synd. - syndicate
syst., sys. - system
TB, t.b.-tubercle bacillus (tuberculosis)
T.B., T/B, t.b.-trial balance
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univ. - university; universal(ly)
unl. - unlimited; unlisted (securities)
Vice-Pres., V.P. - Vice-President
VIP - very important person; (VIPsplural)
vs., v. - versus (against)
v.v. - vice versa
W.B., WB, W/B - waybill

WB., w.b. - westbound
whf. - wharf
whs. - warehouse; whs. rec., w.r.,
W.R. - warehouse receipt(s)
whsle. - wholesale
w.i., wi - when insured (securities)

WHO - World Health Organization (United Nations)
WUX-Western Union teleprinter center; the fac-simile machine center is coded FAX
yd., y. - yard; yds. - yards
Y.M.C.A. - Young Men's Christian Association
Y.W.C.A. - Young Women's Christian Association
yr., y.-year; yrs. - years

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## Weights and Measures

There are two systems of weights and measures in use in the United States - the metric system and the English system. The former is the international system and is accepted as standard in all scientific work.

The following tables give both the English and metric systems of measurement.

## Linear Measure - United States



| Square Measure-United States |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name | Abbreviation | Common Equiv. | Metric Equiv. |
| 1 square inch | sq. in. |  | 6.4516 sq. centimeters |
| 1 square foot | sq. ft. | 144 square inches | 929.034 sq. centimeters |
|  |  | or | 0.0929 sq. meters |
| 1 square yard | sq. yd. | 9 square feet ( 1,296 sq. in.) | 0.8361 sq. meters |
| 1 square rod | sq.rd. | $301 / 4$ square yards ( $2721 / 4$ sq. ft.) | 25.2930 sq. meters |
| 1 acre | A. | 160 square rods $(43,560 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{ft} .)$ | 40.4687 ares, or 0.4047 hectares |
| 1 square mile, or 1 section | sq.mi. sec. | 640 acres (same) | 258.9998 hectares, or 2.5900 sq. kilometers |
| 1 township | T. or T p. | 36 square miles | 9324.0 hectares |

Name Abbreviation Metric Equiv. Common Equiv.

| 1 square centimeter | $\mathrm{cm}^{2}$ | $1 / 10000$ square meter | 0.1550 sq. in. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 centare* | ca | 1 square meter | 1550 sq. in. |
| 1 ARE | a | 100 square meters | 119.6 sq. yd. |
| 1 hectare** | ha | 10,000 square meters | 2.4710 acres |
| 1 square kilometer | km ${ }^{2}$ | 1,000,000 sq. meters | 247.104 acres or 0.3861 square mile |
| 1 myriare | mya | 10 square kilometers | 3.861 square miles |
| *also spelled cen | or $c$ |  |  |

Capacity - United States (Liquid Measure)

Name Abbreviation
1 gill
1 pint
1 quart
1 gallon
1 barrel

1 hogshead

1 pint
1 quart
1 peck
1 bushel
1 barrel
gi.
pt.
qt.
gal.
bbl.
hhd.
pt.
qt.
pk.
bu.
bbl.

Common Equiv.
32 fluid grams; 4 fluid ounces; or 7.219 cu . in. 4 gills, or 28.875 cu . in. 2 pints; or 57.75 cu . in. 4 quarts, or 231 cu. in. $311 / 2$ gallons ( 32 gals. in some states; 42 gals. for oil)
2 barrels ( 63 gals.) (Dry Measure)
$1 / 2$ quart, or 33.60 cu . in. 2 pints, or 67.30 cu . in. 8 quarts, or 537.605 cu . in. 4 pecks, or 2150.42 cu . in. 105 dry quarts, or 7056 cu . in.

Metric Equiv. 0.1183 liter 0.4732 . liter 0.9463 liter 3.7853 liters 119.238 liters
238.476 liters 0.5506 liter 1.1012 liters 8.8096 liters 35.2383 liters 115.6260 liters

Capacity-Metric System
Name Abbreviation Metric Equiv. Dry Measure
1 milliliter $\mathrm{ml} \quad 1 / 1000$ liter 0.0610 cu . in.
1 centiliter cl $\quad 10$ milliliters 0.61025 cu . in.
1 deciliter dl 10 centiliters 6.1025 cu . in.
1 LITER $1 \quad 10$ deciliters 0.9081 qt.
1 dekaliter* dkl 10 liters $\quad 1.1351$ pecks
1 hectoliter hl 10 ders 2.64178 gallons
1 stere, 1.308 cubic yards 264.178 gallons
1 myrialiter myl 10 kiloliters 13.80 cubic yds. 2641.78 gallons *also spelled deciliter
(Avoirdupois)

| Name | Abbreviation | Common Equiv. | Metric Equiv. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 grain | (Spelled out) | 1/7000 pound | 0.0648 grams |
| 1 dram | dr. | 27.34375 grains | 1.771854 grams |
| 1 ounce | oz. | 16 drams ( 437.5 grains) | 28.3495 grams |
| 1 pound | lb . | 16 ounces ( 7000 grains) | 453.5924 grams |
| 1 hundredweight | cwt. | 100 pounds, or 4 quarters | 45.3592 kilograms |
| 1 short ton | sh,tn. | 2,000 pounds (U.S. ton) | 0.9072 metric ton |
| 1 long ton, or gross ton | $\begin{aligned} & \text { l.tn. or } \\ & \text { gr.tn. } \end{aligned}$ | 2,240 pounds ( Br. ton) | 1.0160 metric tons |
| 1 metric ton | t or M.T. | 2,204.62 pounds | 1,000 kilograms |
| 1 freight ton | frt.tn. | 40 cubic feet of freight space |  |
| Miscellaneous Units |  |  |  |
| 1 load (for measuring dirt removed)........ . 1 cubic yard |  |  |  |
| 1 perch (measure for stone)................ $243 / 4$ cubic feet |  |  |  |
| 1 square (of roof or floor materials) |  |  |  |
| 1 linear perch. |  |  |  |
| 1 land perch. |  |  |  |
| 1 rood................................ 40.4 square rods, or $1 / 4$ acre |  |  |  |
| 1 hand (for measuring the height of horses)... 4 inches |  |  |  |
| 1 pace.................................. $21 / 2$ feet |  |  |  |
| 1 palm............................... 3 or 4 inches |  |  |  |
| 1 line (for describing the size of buttons) . . . . $1 / 40$ inch |  |  |  |
| 1 mil (for the diameter of wires)............ $1 / 1000$ inch; 0.0254 millim |  |  |  |
| 1 quarter............................... 25 pounds (U.S.); |  |  |  |
|  |  | 28 pounds ( | Eng.) |
| 1 stone.................................. . 14 pounds |  |  |  |
| 1 tierce.................................. 42 gallons |  |  |  |
| Note: No periods are used after metric abbreviations. |  |  |  |

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## Capitalization Simplified

Certain uses of capitals are conventions followed by everyone, as the capitalizing of the initial letter of the first word of a sentence or a proper name. Business, however, also sanctions the use of capitals for purposes of emphasis and for clarifying ideas. Sometimes failure to capitalize may result in a change of meaning. For instance, suppose you wish to indicate that you like porcelain ware and write, "I like China." When spelled with an initial capital, this word refers to the country and not to porcelain ware. Because instances of such distinctions are frequent, it is important for the secretary or typist to be careful to observe the general rules of capitalization set forth below. One word of caution remember to be consistent when capitalizing; that is, don't capitalize a word at one time and fail to capitalize it later when it is being used in the same construction.

## Use a capital as the initial letter of the first word of:

1. A sentence or an expression that stands for a sentence.

Send for this booklet today.
Welcome!
2. A sentence or phrase following a colon when the subject matter is formal in nature.

The following rule must be strictly enforced by all instructors: No smoking is permitted in the auditorium at any time.
3. An independent sentence within a sentence.

Are you afraid to ask yourself the question, What is the meaning of life?
4. Direct quotations.

Mr. Elliott said, "There is no time to lose."
After hesitating a moment, Mr. Frank said: "Our legislators must . see to it that the budget is cut at once; otherwise, we shall be unable to halt the rising tide of inflation."
5. The salutation, and all nouns in the salutation.

Dear Sir:
Gentlemen:
6 . The complimentary close.
Cordially yours,
7. The statement following Whereas or Resolved in formal resolutions.

Whereas, It is necessary for the welfare . . .
Resolved, That this organization shall go on record ...
8. Each item in an outline.

What Letters of Inquiry Should Contain
I. A clear statement of the information desired or of the problem involved.
A. What is wanted
B. Who wants it
C. Why it is wanted
9. Lines of poetry.

Break, break, break
On thy cold grey stones, O Sea!
. And I would that my tongue could utter
The thoughts that arise in me.
Names of specific persons, places or things.
These names are usually capitalized. Very often, however, they contain elements that may be used in a general sense. When used as general designations, such common-noun elements are not capitalized. For example:

Specific Names
(Use Capitals)
New York Athletic Club Institute of Foreign Trade

The Foreign Trade Society the National Treasury the Queen of England

General Designations
(Use Small Letters)
an athletic club for young men who . . .
an institute for developing foreign trade is to be formed on . . .
a trade society . . .
a national park is needed...
It is not easy to be a queen.

## Shortened Names

It is frequently the practice in business to use shortened forms of names after the full name has been introduced in the text. When so used, common-noun elements are capitalized.
. . . the Sheaffer Pen Company . . . . . . the Company has . . .
... the City Council . . . . . the Council will . . .

## Trade Names and Commercial Products

Trade-mark names are capitalized unless they have become so common as to represent a class or type. In the following examples, note that the word following a trade-mark name is not capitalized unless the entire expression is used as a trade term.

Palmolive soap. Gold Medal flour Du Pont House Paint (trade term)
Here are somé trade names used as common nouns or adjectives.

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\text { aspirin } \quad \text { mimeograph }
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## City and State Names

Capitalize the word city only when it is part of the corporate name of the city.

Kansas City Jersey City the city of Milwaukee

Capitalize the nicknames of cities and states.
the Windy City the Lone Star State

Capitalize the word state when it follows the name of the state or when it is used in place of the name of the state.

He is going to a college in New York State.
Remember, your State tax is due on the fifteenth of this month. The state of Maine holds its elections early.

## Personal Names and Titles

A title of office, honor, or respect should be capitalized when it precedes the name, but usually is not capitalized when it follows the name.

President Buell G. Gallagher<br>Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, president of the City College of the College of the City of New York

Titles of high government officials are usually capitalized, whether they precede or follow the name.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower
Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States
In the address of a letter, all titles should be capitalized, regardless of whether they precede or follow the name.

Mr. Arthur Cummins, Treasurer<br>The Pure Glass Company<br>800 N. Michigan Avenue<br>Chicago 11, Illinois

Days of the Week, Months, Holidays, Seasons
Capitalize the names of the days of the week, months, holidays, and religiọus holidays.

This year Memorial Day, May 30, falls on a Thursday.
The names of the seasons are not capitalized unless they are personified. $\ldots$ and Spring entered with her robe of green ...

## The Points of the Compass

When these refer to definite sections of the country or are used with other names, they are capitalized; otherwise they are not.

The people of the South are friendly.
Industry on the West Coast is booming.
Travel west for ten minutes and you will see the building.
My house is directly south of his.

A compound adjective that contains a number and occurs before a noun is hyphenated.

There was a 20 -minute delay at Chicago.
When one number follows another, use a comma between them.
During 1957, 623 young men will be admitted to the school.
When two numbers form one item, the shorter number should be spelled out; the longer number should be expressed in figures.
four 100-pound weights 300 twelve-inch carriages
The hyphen is used to indicate the missing numbers in a sequence, except when the numbers are preceded by the word "from."

Solve problems 8-15.
Children from 7 to 12 years of age will be admitted at half price.
Class graduation years and well-known years in history are expressed by two figures preceded by an apostrophe.
the class of '58. the crash of '29
Measures, capacities, weights, distances, etc., consisting of several words, are not separated by commas.

The room measures 12 feet 3 inches by 8 feet 6 inches.
She weighs 118 pounds 5 ounces.
Commas are used to separate thousands from hundreds, millions from thousands, etc., except as indicated in the rule below.

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\$ 356,751,982 \quad 164,000 \quad 8,392,156,875
$$

Commas are omitted in writing serial numbers, policy numbers, telephone numbers, page numbers, and decimals.

Policy No. 6789561957
page $1345 \quad 25.3333$
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